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SUBJECT: EMBASSY IVP INVITATION TO MINISTER OF EDUCATION

PAUL NICULESCU-MIZIL

REF: MARTENS/BAKER O-I, JULY 12 1973

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF MARCH 19, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOREIGN RELATIONS DIRECTOR PIRJOL VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT MINISTER OF EDUCATION (AND PERMANENT PRESIDUM MEMBER) NICULESCU-MIZIL REMAINS "HOPEFUL" THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EMBASSY INVITATION TO MAKE IVP VISIT TO U.S. (AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, INVITATION ORIGINALLY PRESENTED TO NICULESCU-MIZIL BY USIA DIRECTOR KEOGH DURING LATTER'S MID-1973 VISIT HERE.) PIRJOL DESCRIBED THE MINISTER'S HEAVY SCHEDULE, HIGHLIGHTING THE AUGUST U.N. WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE AND THE LATE FALL PARTY CONGRESS AS EXAMPLES OF HIS COMMITMENTS WHICH WOULD PREVENT EARLIER TRAVEL TO U.S. PIRJOL GAVE DIRECT IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT THE MINISTER INTENDED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF U.S. INVITATION WHEN HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS, MOST PROBABLY FOLLOWING PARTY CONGRESS IN LATE 1974 (POSSIBLY LATE OCTOBER OR FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER). EMBOFF REPLIED THAT U.S. INVITATION REMAINS OPEN AND THAT OUR INTEREST IN SUCH A VISIT REMAINS HIGH.

2. AS ONE OF ROMANIA'S TOP OFFICIALS (MINISTER OF EDUCATION IS ONE OF HIS LESS IMPORTANT POSITIONS FROM PURE POLITICAL STANDPOINT), NICULESCU-MIZIL WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY SOME SUBORDINATES. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THIS VISIT, WE

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WOULD STILL FAVOR VISIT ON THIS BASIS BUT WOULD WISH TO KEEP

NUMBER OF PARTY LOW - PERHAPS TWO OFFICIALS BESIDES MIZIL.
ROMANIANS HAVE NOT YET MADE THIS POINT, AND WE WILL NOT RAISE IT,
OF COURSE, BUT DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR VIRTUAL CERTAINTY
OF SUCH A REQUEST AS IN CASE OF EMIL DRAGANESCU
IN FISCAL 1973.
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